

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

LANCE THOMPSON and DARA SINGH,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC., *et al.*,  
Defendants.

No. C06-1270RSL

ORDER STRIKING DEFENDANT'S  
REPLIES IN SUPPORT OF ITS  
MOTIONS TO COMPEL

This matter comes before the Court on “Defendant’s Reply to Plaintiff Thompson’s Response to Defendants’ [sic] Motion to Compel Discovery Responses” (Dkt. #27) and “Defendant’s Reply to Plaintiff Singh’s Response to Defendants’ [sic] Motion to Compel Discovery Responses” (Dkt. #29). On April 6, 2007, defendant Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. filed two motions to compel: (1) a motion to compel discovery responses from plaintiff Singh (Dkt. #15); and (2) a motion to compel discovery responses from plaintiff Thompson (Dkt. #19). Defendant noted both of its motions for the Court’s consideration on April 27, 2007 pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(d)(3). Under Local Civil Rule 7(d)(3), “Any reply papers shall be filed and served no later than the noting date.” Therefore, any replies by defendant in support of its motions to compel were due on **April 27, 2007**. On May 22, 2007, the Court filed its orders on

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1 defendant's motions to compel. See Dkt. ## 31, 32.<sup>1</sup> After the Court filed its orders and over  
2 three weeks after the deadline for reply papers, on May 23, 2007, defendant belatedly submitted  
3 replies in support of its motions to compel. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Court STRIKES  
4 defendant's replies (Dkt. #27 and Dkt. #29) as untimely under Local Civil Rule 7(d)(3).

5 DATED this 24th day of May, 2007.

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8 Robert S. Lasnik  
9 United States District Judge

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23 <sup>1</sup> Untimely replies are not the appropriate procedural vehicle through which to challenge  
24 plaintiffs' discovery responses. Should any deficiencies remain in plaintiffs' discovery responses after the  
25 Court's May 22, 2007 orders, defendant may file another motion to compel, but only after complying  
26 with Local Civil Rule 37(a)(2)'s meet and confer requirements.